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SUBJECT: Refugee Influx from Soviet Zone, the Federal Republic, Statistics for May 1961 1/

Name of Applicant to DDI

In May 1961 a total of 17,791 Soviet Zone refugees applied for emergency admission into the Federal Republic; of that total 8,317 applied to Federal processing authorities in West Berlin, 4,859 applied in Giessen, and 4,615 in Uelzen. For purposes of comparison, it may be noted that in May 1960 a total of 20,285 applied for admission, and a total of 19,803 applied for emergency admission in April 1961, of whom 9,322 applied in West Berlin, 5,504 in Giessen and 4,977 in Uelzen. (There are statistical discrepancies between the tables showing the number of refugees shown applying in West Berlin for emergency admission into the Federal Republic and those recording the refugee influx into West Berlin. The tables for "emergency admission" reflect "formal or legal arrival" as refugees; those on refugee influx represent "physical arrival" of the persons in the camps. The principal reason for these statistical discrepancies is the special fly-out program maintained by the Berlin Senat under which refugees are flown out without having undergone the screening procedure in West Berlin. In May, for example, 5,039 of the 11,507 fly-outs were under the special Senat plan. These 5,039 persons will be reported eventually in the emergency admission statistics for Giessen and Uelzen. Another main reason for the discrepancies in the statistics is, of course, the time lag between physical and legal "arrivals," the physical arrival often taking place in one month and the emergency admission occurring only in the following month.)

From January 1 through May 31, 1961, the cumulative total of applications for emergency admission had reached 83,961. For purposes of comparison it may be noted that the cumulative total for the same period in 1960 was 70,618.

Of the 17,791 applicants, 50% were below 25 years of age; 17% were both below age 24 and unaccompanied. In May 1960 some 46.8% and 14.7% fell into those same special categories.

1/ All data compiled by the Bundesministerium fuer Vertriebene.

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When considered on the basis of occupational groups, the May 1961 flow assumed the following pattern:

	May (%)	April (%)
Farmers 1/	5.6	6.5
Industry and Handicraft	22.5	21.4
Technical Occupations	3.0	3.1
Occupations in Trade and Traffic	11.7	11.2
Domestic and Health Services	4.5	4.7
Administration and Law	3.1	3.3
Intellectuals and Artists	1.5	1.7
Unidentified Occupations	8.8	7.6

Labor Force Percentage of Total Refugees 60.7 59.5

Special Categories

- A. East German police and other security force personnel: In the period of January 1 - March 31, 1961, a total of 213 applicants had served with the Soviet Zone's People's Police and military formations. Figures for the period April 1 - May 31 will become available only when the Federal Republic issues its second quarter report for 1961.
- B. Late Resettlers: During March 1961, a total of 1,453 and during April 1961, a total of 1,690 late resettlers entered the Federal Republic. Thus the cumulative total for the period January 1 through April 30, 1961 is 5804.

Fly-Outs

During May a total of 11,507 refugees were flown out of West Berlin to the Federal Republic. Of this number 5,039 were flown out under the Senat Special Program. Therefore, they will receive their screening procedure in the Federal Republic. (11,356 were flown out in April, 5,042 under the Senat Special Program.)

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- 1/ The definition of "farmer" used by the Ministry is more inclusive than that of "independent farmer" used by the Berlin Senat.

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From BerlinSpecial Categories Within the Occupational Groups

	Berlin		Giessen		Uelzen		Total	
	May	Apr.	May	Apr.	May	Apr.	May	Apr.
Physicians	11	9	22	18	13	12	46	39
Dentists	9	2	6	5	7	13	22	20
Veterinarians	2	1	1	4	1	1	4	6
Pharmacists	12	8	2	7	1	2	15	17
Teachers								
Old	12	16	14	14	9	16	35	46
New	46	73	19	23	20	27	85	123
University Professors and Assistants								
Old	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
New	2	3	-	-	-	-	2	3
Lawyers	2	1	1	-	-	1	3	2
Judges	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
Engineers & Technicians	122	123	109	95	54	82	285	304
Students	71	145	14	23	23	30	108	199
Farmers								
Independent farmers	99	168	66	50	73	73	238	291
Family helpers	84	165	55	55	58	65	197	265
School Children	123	164	55	66	47	58	225	288

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